

Program C: Motor Carrier Registration

Program Authorization: Louisiana Revised Statutes 45:162-180 et seq

Program Description

Provides fair and impartial regulations of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire. Be responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana in interstate commerce. Administer the rules and orders of the Commission to assure the public of safe and dependable transportation services. Protect the consumer and carriers against unjust, unreasonable and discriminatory rates and charges. Enhance consistency in interpretation, application and enforcement of regulatory/administrative functions. Ensure compliance with established tariffs and rates. More effective enforcement activities to improve carrier compliance with regulatory requirements.

The division provides for the regulation of intrastate common and contract carriers offering services for hire. It provides staff support to the Commission in the enforcement of motor carrier laws that are designed to assure the public of safe, dependable transportation services. Also, responsible for the regulation of the financial responsibility and lawfulness of interstate motor carriers operating into or through Louisiana in interstate commerce. Participates in the Single State Registration System (SSRS) whereby each vehicle is required to carry in its cab a copy of a current receipt issued by the base registration state. A registration period is from January 1 through December 31 and is renewable for a fee each year.

Administrative Section: Processes paperwork necessary for a company to engage legally in transportation services within and through the state, receives, examines and docket applications for operating rights, changes in rules or regulations, discontinuance or changes in services or facilities; processes other matters requiring a hearing and interprets operating authorities and offers advice to those seeking to engage in transportation services. Also responsible for analysis and reporting of cases to the Commission, before and after hearings, preparation of orders after a decision by the Commission, service of orders and compliance and offering specialized testimony before the Commission or court. Records of liability and cargo insurance filings on interstate and intrastate common and contract for-hire motor carriers are maintained by this staff. Staff also takes and processes complaints by shippers, receivers and carriers.

Enforcement Section: Operates in the field on a statewide basis and is concerned with compliance regarding the rates, services and practices of motor carriers operating in, to, and through the state in intrastate/interstate commerce. These enforcement officers work at highway weigh scales and conduct road checks along the highway. When violations are detected, a violation ticket is issued by the officer and an appearance bond is collected. The officer will appear at the hearing and give sworn testimony regarding the violation. Complaints received from carriers regarding possible violations by another carrier are also handled by these enforcement officers.

RESOURCE ALLOCATION FOR THE PROGRAM

| | ACTUAL 2001-2002 | ACT 13 2002-2003 | EXISTING 2002-2003 | CONTINUATION 2003-2004 | RECOMMENDED 2003-2004 | RECOMMENDED OVER/(UNDER) EXISTING |
|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------|---|
| MEANS OF FINANCING: | | | | | | |
| STATE GENERAL FUND (Direct) | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 | \$0 |
| STATE GENERAL FUND BY: | | | | | | |
| Interagency Transfers | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Fees & Self-gen. Revenues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Statutory Dedications | 1,169,462 | 1,225,465 | 1,225,465 | 1,321,434 | 1,398,577 | 173,112 |
| Interim Emergency Board | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FEDERAL FUNDS | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL MEANS OF FINANCING | \$1,169,462 | \$1,225,465 | \$1,225,465 | \$1,321,434 | \$1,398,577 | \$173,112 |
| EXPENDITURES & REQUEST: | | | | | | |
| Salaries | \$714,790 | \$731,214 | \$731,214 | \$750,305 | \$748,720 | \$17,506 |
| Other Compensation | 5,996 | 12,200 | 12,200 | 12,200 | 12,200 | 0 |
| Related Benefits | 162,625 | 152,011 | 152,011 | 155,304 | 155,031 | 3,020 |
| Total Operating Expenses | 204,525 | 198,645 | 190,695 | 93,180 | 116,431 | (74,264) |
| Professional Services | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Other Charges | 0 | 18,800 | 26,750 | 307,445 | 307,445 | 280,695 |
| Total Acq. & Major Repairs | 81,526 | 112,595 | 112,595 | 3,000 | 58,750 | (53,845) |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES AND REQUEST | \$1,169,462 | \$1,225,465 | \$1,225,465 | \$1,321,434 | \$1,398,577 | \$173,112 |
| AUTHORIZED FULL-TIME | | | | | | |
| EQUIVALENTS: Classified | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 25 | (1) |
| Unclassified | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 26 | 26 | 26 | 26 | 25 | (1) |

SOURCE OF FUNDING

This program is funded from Statutory Dedications generated from inspection and supervision fees paid by common carriers and contract carriers. Additionally, various fees such as fines, filing fees, I.D. stamps, rehearing applications, registration fees, etc. are collected by the Public Service Commission for administering this program. (Per R.S. 39:32B.(8), see table below for a listing of expenditures out of each Statutory Dedicated Fund.)

| | ACTUAL | ACT 13 | EXISTING | CONTINUATION | RECOMMENDED | RECOMMENDED |
|-------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|---------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| | 2001-2002 | 2002-2003 | 2002-2003 | 2003-2004 | 2003-2004 | OVER/(UNDER) |
| | | | | | | EXISTING |
| Motor Carrier Regulation Fund | \$1,169,462 | \$1,225,465 | \$1,225,465 | \$1,321,434 | \$1,398,577 | \$173,112 |

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

| GENERAL FUND | TOTAL | T.O. | DESCRIPTION |
|-----------------|-------------|------|---|
| \$0 | \$1,225,465 | 26 | ACT 13 FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003 |
| | | | BA-7 TRANSACTIONS: |
| \$0 | \$0 | 0 | None |
| \$0 | \$1,225,465 | 26 | EXISTING OPERATING BUDGET - December 2, 2002 |
| \$0 | \$10,869 | 0 | Annualization of FY 2002-2003 Classified State Employees Merit Increase |
| \$0 | \$11,515 | 0 | Classified State Employees Merit Increases for FY 2003-2004 |
| \$0 | \$55,000 | 0 | Acquisitions & Major Repairs |
| \$0 | (\$112,595) | 0 | Non-Recurring Acquisitions & Major Repairs |
| \$0 | \$280,695 | 0 | Rent in State-Owned Buildings |
| \$0 | \$34,720 | 0 | Salary Base Adjustment |
| \$0 | (\$36,578) | 0 | Attrition Adjustment |
| \$0 | (\$79,514) | 0 | Other Non-Recurring Adjustments - Rent for One American because of move to Galvez Building |
| \$0 | \$3,000 | 0 | Other Adjustments - Funding needed to move agency computer room to ISB building |
| \$0 | \$2,250 | 0 | Other Adjustments - Funding needed to relocate telephone lines to Galvez Building |
| \$0 | \$3,750 | 0 | Other Adjustments - Printer acquisitions that were approved by the Office of Information Technology |
| \$0 | \$0 | (1) | Other Technical Adjustments - Transfer of one position from the Motor Carrier Program to the Administrative Program to properly align the positions within programs |
| \$0 | \$1,398,577 | 25 | TOTAL RECOMMENDED |
| \$0 | \$0 | 0 | LESS GOVERNOR'S SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS |
| \$0 | \$1,398,577 | 25 | BASE EXECUTIVE BUDGET FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004 |
| | | | SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE: |
| \$0 | \$0 | 0 | None |
| \$0 | \$0 | 0 | TOTAL SUPPLEMENTARY RECOMMENDATIONS CONTINGENT ON NEW REVENUE |

MAJOR FINANCIAL CHANGES

| GENERAL FUND | TOTAL | T.O. | DESCRIPTION |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--------------------------------|
| \$0 | \$1,398,577 | 25 | GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDED |

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

This program does not have funding recommended for Professional Services for Fiscal Year 2003-2004.

OTHER CHARGES

\$0 None

SUB-TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**Interagency Transfers:**

\$26,750 Office of Telecommunications Management Fees
\$280,695 Rent in state owned buildings

\$307,445 SUB-TOTAL INTERAGENCY TRANSFERS**\$307,445 TOTAL OTHER CHARGES**

ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS

| | |
|-----------------|--|
| \$5,500 | Various office equipment (i.e. photocopiers, safety lights for enforcement vehicles, etc.) |
| \$3,750 | Printer acquisitions which were approved by the Office of Information Technology |
| \$49,500 | Replacement of three (3) automobiles |
| \$58,750 | TOTAL ACQUISITIONS AND MAJOR REPAIRS |